

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: May 16, 2008
10:04 A.M.

LOCATION: Brownsburg Fire Headquarters and Training Center
470 East Northfield Drive, Brownsburgh

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)
G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedics)
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)
William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Garvey, Chief of Staff, Indiana Department
Of Homeland Security

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Miller. Chairman Miller expressed thanks for the use of the facility. Rebecca Blagrove called the roll and advised the chairman that a quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Myron Mackey offered a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written and distributed. The motion was seconded by Lee Turpen. The motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS:EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

First Responders currently certified	6,449
EMTs to be certified this date	190
EMTs currently certified	16,320
EMTs recertified this date	659
EMT Basic Advanced to be certified this date	25
EMT Basic Advanced currently certified	1,250
EMT Basic Advanced recertified this date	74
EMT Paramedics to be certified this date	41
EMT Paramedics currently certified	2,999
EMT Paramedics recertified this date	216
EMT Intermediates to be certified this date	4
EMT Intermediates currently certified	167
EMT Intermediates recertified this date	18
Temporary certificates issued:	
EMT-B	10
EMT Paramedic	6

Drivers Certifications currently certified: 1322

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	7
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization,	23
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	14
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	5
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider	87
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	26
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	7
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	7
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	7
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	18
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	11
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization,	

EMT-Intermediate organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	47
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	37
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	5
BLS Non-Transport Organization	328
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	84
Fixed Wing Air ambulance	1
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	16
Total	784

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

Vehicle Inspections	151
Provider/Hospital//Training Institution Applications	49
EMS Provider visits	88
EMS Provider Audits	09
EMS Training Institution Audits	01
Hospital Visits	05
Hospital Audits	03
EMT Written tests proctored	01

EMS Operations Director Sherrie Crain wished everyone a happy EMS Week and reminded providers to report their week's activities to the link on the agency website. The theme for this year is "EMS: Your Life is our Mission." She also reported that a new series of provider forums in being planned. . She reported that the position of Northeast District Manager is still open.

Ms. Crain stated that the EMS staff will be participating in the set-up of the Disaster Portable Morgue Unit in June at the coroner's convention in Fort Wayne. The Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team is being organized and is made up of coroners, funeral directors, and forensic specialists. Anyone wanting to volunteer or who knows of someone that may want to volunteer for should contact Ms. Crain for information

Ms. Crain reported that the Mass Casualty Trailer Project is moving along. There are trailers in 9 of the 10 districts.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that the commission needs to consider whether it wishes to add procedures and medications to the data set. Suggestions should be reported to Mr. Nelson.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Week

Mike Garvey reported that EMS Week will be May 18 – 24, 2008, with a theme of “EMS: Your Life is Our Mission.” He urged providers to be more active in promoting EMS awareness.

Senate Bill 429, EMS Trauma Triage and Transportation Protocols

Mr. Garvey reported that the commission has been charged with adopting trauma and transportation protocols. He urged the commission to take its time and consider the needs of rural, urban, and air services and areas with no hospital. A task force will be appointed to study the issue with Jason Smith as the staff support.

House Enrolled Act 1171, Autism Training for EMS Personnel

Mr. Garvey also reported that the commission is now required to certify autism training for EMS personnel. Tony Pagano reported that a training program exists and many personnel have taken the training. The commission needs to approve a training curriculum and decide if those who have previously taken the training qualify for certification.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to certify the current autism training curriculum. The motion passed.

Terri Hamilton offered a motion that for EMS personnel to remain certified, they must complete autism training by October 1, 2010. Those who take the training prior to January 1, 2009 do not need to retake it. The motion was seconded by Jane Craigin. The motion passed.

Charles Valentine offered a motion that all EMT and First Responder courses must include the approved curriculum on autism. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Possible Changes to Emergency Medical Dispatch Statute

Agency counsel Mara Snyder reported that the EMD Task Force has concluded that the current statute is not workable and recommends changes be made by the Indiana Legislature

Readopt Administrative Code

Ms. Snyder reported that because of “sunset legislation”, the commission needs to readopt 836 IAC 4-9-2.5.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to readopt the rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed

LEGAL MATTERS

Pending Administrative Cases

A list was given to the commission for their information only.

Suspension and Revocation of First Responder No. FR32847 Wayne Hartz, Jr

The commission was given information on the following:

Order No. 06-2006, Emergency Suspension

Order No. 07-2008 Permanent Revocation

Probationary Certifications Issued

It was reported that the Agency has issued probationary certifications to the following:

Order No. 03- 2008, Mark Grell, EMT #25411

William Rutherford expressed concern about the process which allows Mr. Grell to reenter the system. Ms. Craigin restated her desire to see the commission develop a program for “impaired EMS personnel.”

Order No. 04-2008, Cheryl Dulin, EMT #64370

Order No. 08-2008, Stephanie Mitchell, EMT #64371

Order No. 09-2008, Darla Brubaker, EMT #64372

Order No. 10-2008, Trenton Corey Thomas, EMT #64374

Order No. 11-2008, Scott Fulcher, EMT # 64220

Order No. 12-2008, Dustin Opp, EMT #64223

Order Nr. 14-2008, Richard Wolf, EMT #60394

Order No. 15-2008, Nicholas Mastin, EMT #53272

Order No. 16-2008, Jason Howard, EMT #42354

Request for Review of Emergency Order

Order No. 16-2007, Lee Goldstein

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpen. The motion passed.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:

Provider Waiver Requests

Purdue University Fire Department, requesting a waiver of the rule to report required data set to the state at this time due to the agency being unable to accept the NEMSIS dataset at this time

Mr. Gordon offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed.

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the following:
Gibson County EMS., 836 IAC 2-1(h (2), Staffing on a paramedic ambulance response due to personnel shortages

The request is a renewal of a waiver to replace the EMT as the driver with a first responder or a firefighter in the areas of Oakland City and Owensville.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Mr. Mackey stated that the rule requiring an EMT as the second person on an ALS response needed to be changed. Mr. Miller objects to using lack of funds as a reason. Mr. Turpen added that reimbursement would not be affected if the rule were to be changed.

EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

Mr. Pagano presented the following request:

Karl R. Norris, EMT No. 54321, requesting additional time to be certified after the completion of a paramedic course due to missing the 2-year time requirement by a few days

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Training Institution Rule Waiver

National College of Technical Instruction, requesting an 18-month waiver from the rule requiring paramedic training program accreditation due to the need to have taught a paramedic program as a requirement for accreditation

Mr. Pagano presented the request and introduced Lawson Stewart to speak for the institution. Mr. Stewart said that the institution was accredited in several states and have been training paramedics since 1988.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rutherford. The motion passed. Mr. Turpen abstained.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:

Mr. Garvey reported that staff was looking for ways to expand the Emergency Response Conference and continues to work with the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association to do so. He said that he has been appointed agency chief of staff and will be assuming new duties. Joe Wainscott is now in place as agency director and Governor Daniels has appointed James Greeson, former Indianapolis Fire Chief, has been appointed Fire Marshal. Ms. Crain will be assuming more responsibilities for day-to-day EMS operation duties.

Mrs. Blagrove invited everyone to attend an EMS week picnic in Vincennes on May 20th.

2008 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday, July 25, 2008, Home Hospital Campus, Lafayette Thursday,
September 18, 2008
Friday, November, 14, 2007
Locations will be announced at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28PM.